

Forming a district of “good neighbors”: What are the challenges?

- Transitions in development scale in the study area



Preserving the natural environment and enhancing access to open space: *Where are the opportunities?*

- Fresh Pond Corridor Enhancement Project
- Fresh Pond and Alewife reservations
- Implementing “best management practices”
- “Connecting the green beads”
 - from Committee member





Environment and open space: What are the challenges?

- 90% impervious surface in Quadrangle
- Sensitivity of both Alewife and Fresh Pond reservations
- Managing development within environmental constraints

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Concord, Massachusetts, showing a river (the Concord River) flowing through the center. The river is bordered by industrial and commercial areas with various buildings and parking lots. To the right, there are more residential areas with houses and trees. The overall scene is a mix of urban development and natural features.

A review of the major technical considerations

- Transportation issues
- Market issues

Transportation issues:

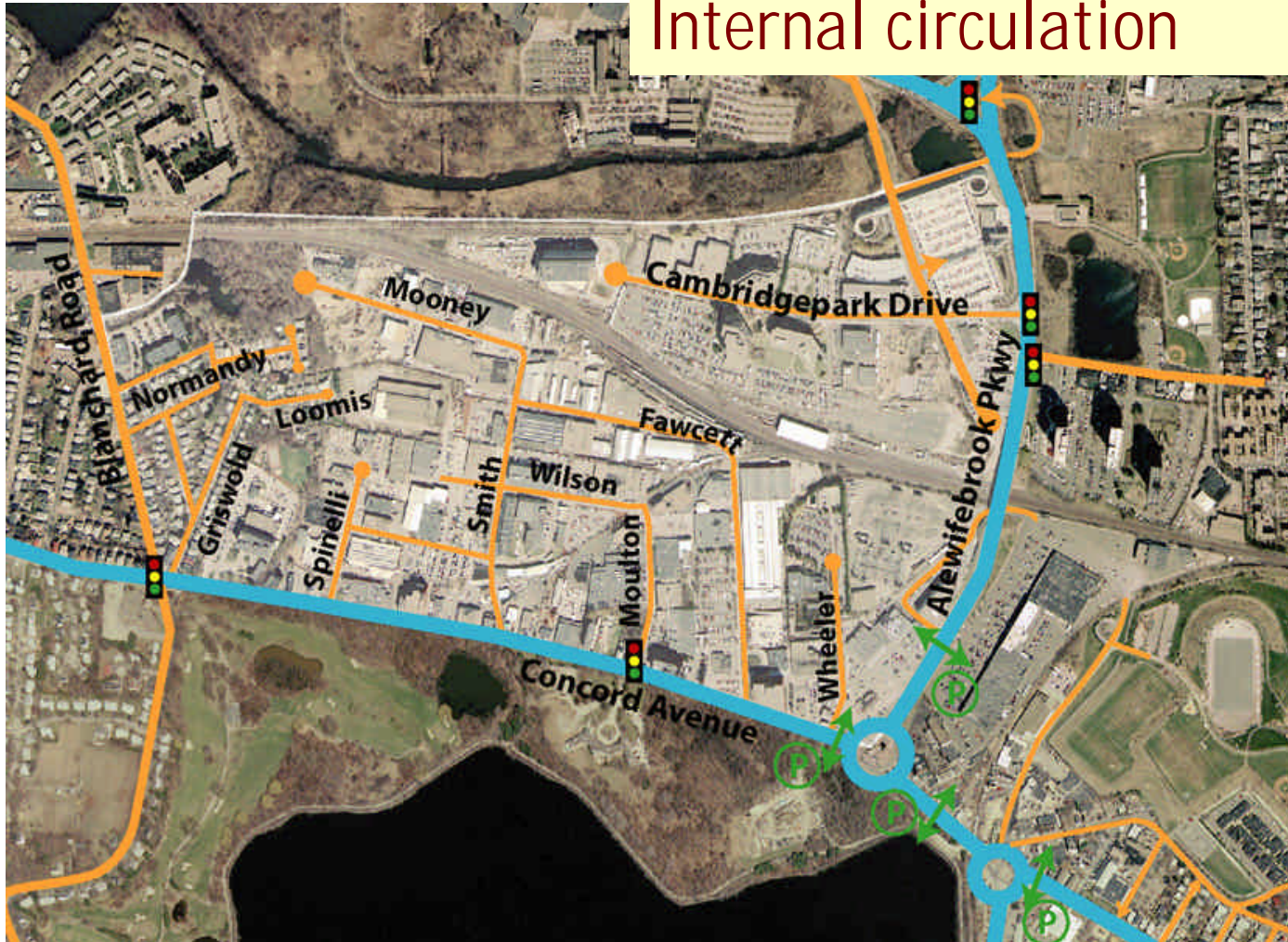
Regional vs. local traffic

- Study area is a small piece of the puzzle.
- Difficult to influence regional traffic.
- Auto access to the study area itself.



Transportation issues:

Internal circulation



Transportation issues:

- Red Line service at Alewife – regional and local functions.
- “Feeder” bus routes to station
- Concord Avenue routes connect to Harvard Square
- Commuter rail

The role of transit

